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Group Art Unit2644
Examiner Laura A. Grier
Attorney's Docket No. BE1 043 US
Title: Apparatuses and Methods for Recognizing an Audio Input and Muting an
Audio Device

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED 9 FEBRUARY 2005

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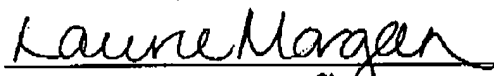
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

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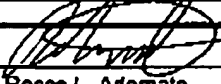
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